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CHARTER FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL

A. The Committee's Official Designation

The official designation of the advisory committee will be the "North American Numbering Council" (NANC or Council).

B. The Committee's Objectives and Scope of its Activity

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Federal Communications Commission and to make recommendations, reached through consensus, that foster efficient and impartial number administration. The Council will develop policy on numbering issues, initially resolve disputes, and select and provide guidance to the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) Administrator.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Council shall assure that NANP administration supports the following policy objectives: (1) that the NANP facilitates entry into the communications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to communications service providers; (2) that the NANP does not unduly favor or disfavor any particular industry segment or group of consumers; (3) that the NANP does not unduly favor one technology over another; (4) that the NANP gives consumers easy access to the public switched telephone network; and (5) that the NANP ensures that the interests of all NANP member countries are addressed fairly and efficiently, fostering continued integration of the NANP across NANP member countries.

C. Period of Time Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out its Purposes

The Commission will seek advice from the Council regarding whether the NANC, after two years, should renew this charter to continue as a Federal Advisory Committee.

D. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports

The Council will report to the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission.

E. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support

The Federal Communications Commission will provide the necessary staff support for the Council. The Federal Communications Commission will provide facilities needed to conduct the meetings, if the Commission has meeting facilities available. Otherwise, private sector members will provide facilities. Private sector members of the Council will serve without any government compensation, and will not be entitled to travel expenses or per diem subsistence allowances.

F. Description of the Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible

The duties of the Council will be to gather and discuss information necessary to develop recommendations to the FCC related to the attainment of the

objectives listed under (B). As a first step, the Council must select an impartial NANP Administrator, no later than 180 days after its first meeting. The Council will also advise the Commission on the following, which are not exclusive: a plan to transfer responsibility for administering central office codes to the NANP Administrator; a plan to promote conservation of numbering resources, including examination of ways to ensure efficient use of number resources; and whether the North American Numbering Council should continue as a Federal Advisory Committee after two years. The Council will also prepare for the Commission periodic and final reports to aid the Commission in its oversight responsibilities.

- G. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Staff Years
Estimated staff years that will be expended by the Council are 2 for the Federal Communications Commission staff and 5 for private sector and other governmental representatives. The estimated annual cost to the FCC of operating the Committee is \$120,000. The FCC will not pay for private sector staff.
- H. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings
We expect that there will be up to 10 meetings per year with possibly more frequent meetings of informal working groups.
- I. Charter's Termination Date
This charter will terminate on October 4, 1997, prior to which the Commission may seek its renewal.
- J. Date Original Charter Filed
October 5, 1995

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Duties of the North American Numbering Council

Note: The rules cited in the references to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) are found in Appendix B to *Telephone Number Portability*, FCC 96-286, CC Docket No. 95-116 (July 2, 1996) (*Number Portability Order*), and in Appendix B to *Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, CC Docket No. 96-98, Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 96-333 (rel. Aug. 8, 1996) (*Second Report and Order*).

A. Within six months of the first NANC meeting:

- recommend to the Commission an appropriate entity to serve as the NANP administrator (*See* 47 CFR §52.11(d)); and
- recommend to the Commission an appropriate mechanism for recovering costs of NANP administration in the United States consistent with 47 CFR § 52.17 (*See* 47 CFR § 52.11(e)).

B. Within seven months of the first NANC meeting:

- direct establishment of a nationwide system of regional SMS databases for the provision of long-term database methods for number portability (*See* 47 CFR § 52.25);
- select the local number portability administrator(s) (LNPA(s)) (*See* 47 CFR § 52.25);
- determine whether one or more LNPA(s) are needed; whether the LNPA can be the same entity as the (new) NANP administrator; how the LNPA(s) should be selected, the specific duties of the LNPA(s), the geographic coverage of the regional databases, the technical interoperability and operational standards, the user interface between telecommunications carriers and the LNPA(s), the network interface between the SMS and the downstream databases, and the technical specifications for the regional databases (*See* 47 CFR §52.25 (d));
- determine the locations of the regional database(s) and report its decision to the Commission (*See* 47 CFR §52.25 (e)); and
- determine the specific information necessary in the regional databases (*See* 47 CFR §52.25 (f)).

C. Within nine months of the first NANC meeting:

- shift the current NANP administrator's functions to the new NANP administrator within 90 days of the selection of the new NANP administrator (*See Administration of the North American Numbering Plan*, CC Docket No. 92-237, Report and Order, 11 FCC Rcd 2588

(1995) (*NANP Order*) at ¶ 108).

D. Within twenty-seven months of the first NANC meeting:

- transfer CO code assignment function to the new NANP administrator no more than 18 months after the new NANP administrator has assumed all of Bellcore's NANP administration functions (*See* ¶ 108 of *NANP Order*).

E. General duties of the NANC:

- advise the Commission on policy matters relating to the administration of the NANP in the United States (*See* 47 CFR §52.11 (a));
- make recommendations, reached through consensus, that foster efficient and impartial number administration (*See* 47 CFR §52.11 (b));
- initially resolve disputes, through consensus, pertaining to number administration in the United States (*See* 47 CFR §52.11 (c)); and
- carry out Part 52 of the Commission's rules as directed by the Commission (*See* 47 CFR §52.11 (f)).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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CC Docket No. 92-237

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FCC REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. On July 13, 1995, the Commission adopted a new model for administration of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) by announcing the establishment of the North American Numbering Council (NANC or Council). See Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, CC Docket No. 92-237, Report and Order, FCC 95-283 (released July 13, 1995). The NANP is the basic numbering scheme that permits calls to be placed within the United States, Canada, Bermuda and most of the Caribbean with, at most, 11 digit dialing. The model is guided by several principles, including maintaining and fostering an integrated approach to number administration throughout North America and providing a structure for number administration that is impartial and pro-competitive. The NANC will be organized under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988) (FACA), and will advise the Commission on numbering issues, select and guide a neutral NANP Administrator, apply Commission policy to resolve issues arising in the administration of the NANP, and conduct initial dispute resolution of all issues. The NANP Administrator will process number resource applications and maintain administrative numbering databases. Operational details and additional activities of the NANP Administrator are to be determined by the NANC. The Commission, with other NANP member countries, will oversee the NANC. Because the Council will include representatives from every sector of the telecommunications industry, as well as members representing NANP member countries, the states, and consumers, the Council's membership will be impartial and well balanced.

2. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Council shall assure that NANP administration supports the following policy objectives: (1) that the NANP facilitates entry into

the communications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to communications service providers; (2) that the NANP does not unduly favor or disfavor any particular industry segment or group of consumers; (3) that the NANP gives due regard to state and local interests; (4) that the NANP does not unduly favor one technology over another; (5) that the NANP gives consumers easy access to the public switched telephone network; and (6) that the NANP ensure that the interests of all NANP member countries are addressed fairly and efficiently, fostering continued integration of the NANP across NANP member countries.

I. FORMATION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Procedure for Establishing an Advisory Committee

3. A Federal Advisory Committee may be established only after consultation with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the General Services Administration (GSA) and the filing of a charter with Congress. The Commission will prepare a charter and initiate the requisite consultation process prior to formation of the Council.

B. Participants

4. Each interested party will have the opportunity to be adequately represented. Further, the Commission must be satisfied that the group, as a whole, reflects a proper balance and mix of interests.

5. Entities may apply for, or nominate another entity for, membership on the Council. Each application or nomination must include:

- (a) the name and title of the applicant or nominee and a description of the interests the applicant or nominee will represent;
- (b) the applicant's or nominee's mail address, e-mail address (where available), telephone number and facsimile number;
- (c) evidence that the applicant or nominee is authorized to represent parties related to the interests the applicant or nominee proposes to represent;
- (d) the reasons why the applicant or nominee is an interested party; and
- (e) a written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the objectives of the Council.

C. Agenda

6. If the Council's charter is approved, the Council's first meeting should take place within 30 days after such approval. At this initial meeting, the Council will begin the selection process

for a neutral NANP Administrator; such selection shall occur no later than 180 days from the initial meeting of the Council.

C. Meetings and Compensation

7. The Federal Communications Commission will provide facilities needed to conduct the meetings, if the Commission has meeting facilities available. Otherwise, private sector members will provide facilities. Private sector members of the Council will serve without any government compensation, and will not be entitled to travel expenses or per diem subsistence allowances. Private sector members will not be considered special government employees for any purpose.

F. Record of Meetings

8. Pursuant to FACA, at all Council meetings, the Council will keep a record of meeting minutes and a Designated Federal Official will be present. This record will be placed in CC Docket No. 92-237. The Commission will announce Council meetings in the Federal Register. These meetings will be open to the public.

VI. CONCLUSION

9. Interested parties may file applications or nominations for Council membership on or before thirty days from publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Applications and nominations should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, CC Docket No. 92-237, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Applications and nominations will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 239, Washington, D.C. 20554.

10. For further information pertaining to membership on the Council contact Mike Specht (202) 418-2378, Scott Shefferman (202) 418-2332, or Elizabeth Nightingale (202) 418-2352, Common Carrier Bureau, 2025 M Street, N.W., Room 6008, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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Alternate Designated Federal Official Mary De Luca

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2. Raymond Cline American Petroleum Institute
3. Brian Deobald AMSC
4. Vincent R. Sandusky APCC
5. Ellwood Kerkeslager AT&T
6. David Whyte AT&T Canada
7. George Vinall Cable & Wireless
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30. Kenneth Shulman Teleport
31. Dan Bart TIA
32. Paul Hart USTA

Special Members (non-voting):

1. Susan Miller ATIS
2. Ron Connors Bellcore (NANPA)
3. Larry Irving U.S. NTIA
4. Vonya McCann U.S. State Department

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1. Industry Canada Canada
2. To be announced Caribbean Representatives
3. To be announced Bermuda Representative

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DA 96-1495

FCC ESTABLISHES NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ANNOUNCES MEMBERS, AND SETS INITIAL MEETING DATE

(CC Docket No. 92-237)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has established the North American Numbering Council (NANC or Council). The NANC is established under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988) (FACA).

The initial Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 1996, at 9:30 A.M. EDT at the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Room 856, Washington, DC 20554.

On July 13, 1995, the Commission adopted a new model for administration of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) and announced the establishment of the NANC. See Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, CC Docket No. 92-237, Report and Order, 11 FCC Rcd 2588, 2591 (1995). The NANP is the basic numbering scheme for the telecommunications networks located in Anguilla, Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Turks & Caicos Islands, Trinidad & Tobago, and the United States (including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). The new model is guided by several principles, including maintaining and fostering an integrated approach to number administration throughout portions of North America and providing a structure for number administration that is impartial and pro-competitive. The NANC will advise the Commission on numbering issues (such as number portability implementation), select and guide a neutral NANP Administrator, apply Commission policy to resolve issues arising in the administration of the NANP, and conduct initial dispute resolution. The

NANP Administrator will process number resource applications and maintain administrative numbering databases. Operational details and additional activities of the NANP Administrator are to be determined by the NANC. The Commission, with other NANP member countries, will oversee the NANC. The establishment of this Council is necessary and in the public interest.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Council shall assure that NANP administration supports the following policy objectives: (1) that the NANP facilitates entry into the communications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to communications service providers; (2) that the NANP does not unduly favor or disfavor any particular industry segment or group of consumers; (3) that the NANP gives due regard to state and local interests; (4) that the NANP does not unduly favor one technology over another; (5) that the NANP gives consumers easy access to the public switched telephone network; and (6) that the NANP ensure that the interests of all NANP member countries are addressed fairly and efficiently, fostering continued integration of the NANP across NANP member countries.

The FCC requested nominations for membership on the NANC. See Public Notice in CC Docket No. 92-237, DA 95-1721, 60 FR 42158 (August 15, 1995). The FCC considered all applications and nominations for membership filed in response to the Notice and selected members named in the list attached to this Public Notice. Because the Council includes representatives from every sector of the telecommunications industry, as well as members representing NANP member countries, the states, and consumers, the Council's membership will be impartial and well balanced.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marian Gordon, Designated Federal Official of the North American Numbering Council, (202) 418-2337 or Mary DeLuca, Alternate Designated Federal Official of the North American Numbering Council, (202) 418-2334. The address for both is: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2000 M Street, NW, Suite 235, Washington, D.C. 20054. The fax number for both is: (202) 418-2345. The TTY number for both is: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to members of the general public. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. However, admittance will be limited to the seating available. The public may submit written statements to the Council. The statements must be submitted two business days before the meeting in which the commenter desires his/her comments to be distributed. In addition, statements at the meeting by parties or entities not represented on the Council will be permitted to the extent time permits. Statements will be limited to five minutes in length by any one party or entity, and requests to make such statements to the Council in person must be received two business days before

the meeting in which the commenter desires to be heard. Requests for comment opportunity, and written comments, should be sent to Marian Gordon or Mary DeLuca, at the address under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT," stated above.

AGENDA: The planned agenda for the first meeting is as follows:

1. Welcoming Remarks
2. Introductions
3. NANC Organizational Protocols
4. NANC Objectives and Tasks
5. Development of NANC Work Plan
6. Meeting Summary/Agenda for Next Meeting
7. Other Business



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DA 96-1516

FCC ADDS NEW MEMBERS TO THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL

(CC Docket No. 92-237)

On September 5, 1996, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a Public Notice announcing the membership of and setting the initial meeting date for the North American Numbering Council (NANC), a Federal Advisory Committee established under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988) (FACA). See FCC Establishes North American Numbering Council Advisory Committee, Announces Members, and Sets Initial Meeting Date, Public Notice, DA 96-1495 (rel. Sept. 5, 1996) (September 5th Notice). A list of thirty voting members of the NANC was attached to the September 5th Notice.

Since the release of the September 5th Notice, the FCC has added two voting members to the NANC. They are: (1) Mr. George Vinall, Vice President of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, Cable & Wireless, Inc.; and (2) Mr. Terry J. Yake, Vice President Applied Research, Sprint Corporation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marian Gordon, Designated Federal Official of the North American Numbering Council, (202) 418-2337 or Mary DeLuca, Alternate Designated Federal Official of the North American Numbering Council, (202) 418-2334. The address for both is: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2000 M Street, NW, Suite 235, Washington, D.C. 20054. The fax number for both is: (202) 418-2345 The TTY number for both is: (202) 418-0484.

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SUBJECT: NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN

SUMMARY: On July 13, 1995, the Commission adopted and released a Report and Order (NANP Order) regarding administration of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). This Order adopts a model for administration of telephone number resources by establishing the North American Numbering Council (NANC) and requiring a neutral NANP Administrator. The Commission is currently determining the membership of the NANC. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires the Commission to designate an impartial numbering administrator.

ISSUES:

- Maintain and foster an integrated approach to number administration throughout North America.
- Provide a structure for number administration that is impartial and pro-competitive.
- Correct the current deficiencies of the number administration structure, while maintaining the positive aspects of the current structure.

STATUS: R&O released July 13, 1995; Public Notice regarding establishment of and application for membership on the NANC released August 9, 1995; Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, NANC Charter approved by OMB and GSA and, on October 5, 1995, filed with Congress; Determination of NANC membership pending; Petitions for clarification and/or reconsideration of the NANP Order dismissed in the Second R&O in Docket 96-98 released on August 8, 1996.

BACKGROUND:

The NANP is the basic numbering scheme that permits interoperable telecommunications service within the United States, Canada, Bermuda and most of the Caribbean. Administration of the NANP is currently performed by Bellcore, which is owned by the seven Regional Bell Operating Companies. Bellcore advised the Commission that it no longer wishes to administer the NANP.

The Order states that the Commission will set broad numbering policy objectives and be the final arbiter of all disputes involving United States numbering issues. The Order also establishes a North American Numbering Council (NANC), which will have broad membership and be organized under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and will advise the Commission, guide the NANP Administrator, apply Commission policy to resolve issues arising in the administration of the NANP, and conduct initial dispute resolution of all issues. The NANP Administrator will process number resource applications and maintain administrative numbering databases. Details and additional activities of the NANP

Administrator are to be determined by the NANC. The Commission will oversee the NANC, with participation from other NANP member countries. The NANC will select the NANP Administrator.

The NANP Order concludes that the NANP Administrator should be a single, non-government entity that is not closely identified with any particular industry segment. The Order also concludes that the new NANP Administrator should take over the NANP administration functions currently performed by Bellcore, and that functions associated with CO code administration, currently performed by the dominant local exchange carrier in each area code, will be centralized and performed by the new NANP Administrator. The NANP Order finds that state regulators will continue to exercise jurisdiction over area code relief and will have representation on the NANC. The Order states that the Commission can and should impose fees to recover its costs of regulating numbering resources and determines that the costs of the new NANP Administrator should be recovered by charging each communications provider a fee based on its gross revenue. Finally, the NANP Order establishes a transition schedule to achieve the new structure for overall number administration.

INTERESTED PARTIES:

Petitioners include local exchange carriers, interexchange carriers, competitive access providers, cellular providers, paging service providers, small independent telephone companies, industry organizations (ATIS, NECA), and trade associations.

CITES:

Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, Notice of Inquiry, CC Docket No. 92-237, 7 FCC Rcd 6837 (1992); Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 9 FCC Rcd 2068 (1994); Report and Order, FCC 95-283 (released July 13, 1995); Public Notice, DA 95-1721 (released August 9, 1995); Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98, Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 96-333 (rel. Aug. 8, 1996).

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ACTION IN DOCKET CASE

July 13, 1995

FCC ADOPTS NEW MODEL FOR NUMBERING ADMINISTRATION (CC Docket No. 92-237)

The Commission today took an important step in promoting competition across all telecommunications services by adopting a new model for administration of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) to promote fair, efficient and effective administration of numbering resources. In today's Order, the Commission established a new system for administration of the NANP that includes an independent, non-governmental NANP administrator. Under this model, the Commission will set broad policy objectives for United States number administration, be the final arbiter of domestic numbering disputes, and work closely with industry and consumers, states, and the other member countries in the North American Numbering Plan to ensure timely and fair number administration.

The NANP is the basic numbering scheme that permits interoperable telecommunications service within the United States, Canada, Bermuda and most of the Caribbean. Bellcore has been the administrator of the NANP since the divestiture of AT&T, but in August, 1993, indicated its desire to relinquish this responsibility. In June, 1994, the Commission issued a *NPRM* that sought comment on several issues regarding the NANP, including the one posed by Bellcore's decision.

In the *Report and Order* adopted today, the Commission establishes a North American Numbering Council (NANC), which will have broad membership including industry, the states and other NANP member countries and be organized under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Council will develop guidelines for number administration, provide guidance to the NANP administrator, serve as an initial forum for number disputes and advise and make recommendations, reached through consensus, to the Commission on numbering issues.

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The NANP Administrator, a non-governmental entity that is not aligned with any particular telecommunications industry segment, will process number resource applications and maintain administrative numbering databases. The NANP Administrator will assume Bellcore's current numbering administration functions. In addition, administration of central office codes, a function currently handled by the dominant local exchange carrier (LEC) in each area code, will be centralized and performed by the NANP Administrator. The Order directs the NANC to select the new NANP Administrator. The NANC will guide the NANP Administrator, determining the scope and details of its additional activities, including Central Office Code administration.

Today's Order also states that a funding mechanism based on gross revenues of communications providers who benefit from operation of the NANP should be used to fund the NANP Administrator. Under this system, the costs of the NANP Administrator will be charged to each provider in proportion to their gross revenues.

The FCC looks forward to working with other NANP member countries, the states and industry to use today's Order as a foundation for developing a number administration system that is fair, efficient and effective. Under the model adopted today, industry and the states will continue to have a substantial role in number administration. The FCC expects that industry members will work together to resolve difficult technical and operational issues. The FCC also anticipates that states will continue to play an important role in central office code administration and will play an even greater role in numbering policy development through their participation in the North American Numbering Council.

Action by the Commission July 13, 1995 by Report and Order (FCC 95-283).
Chairman Hundt, Commissioners Quello, Barrett, Ness and Chong.

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CC Docket No. 92-237

REPORT AND ORDER

Released: July 13, 1995

By the Commission:

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APPENDIX

Appendix A: List of Parties

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Effective administration of numbering resources is essential to the realization of the benefits of the public switched telephone network. Changes in the telecommunications industry lead us to reexamine existing numbering resource administration. In this Order, we lay the foundation for future number administration in the United States. We adopt a model for administration of numbering in which the North American Numbering Council will make recommendations to the Commission, develop policy, initially resolve disputes and guide the North American Numbering Plan Administrator. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator will process number assignment applications and maintain administrative number databases. The Commission will set broad numbering administration policy objectives and be the final arbiter of numbering disputes within the United States. The Commission will create the North American Numbering Council under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

2. We require that the North American Numbering Plan Administrator not be aligned with any particular telecommunications industry segment and request the North American Numbering Council to select the Administrator. Central office code administration will be centralized and handled by the new North American Numbering Plan Administrator. We also address funding issues and those related to creating a smooth transition to the new model. Finally, we intend to seek advice from the North American Numbering Council on such issues including, but not limited to, a plan to transfer responsibility for administering central office codes to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator; conservation of numbering resources, including examination of ways to ensure efficient use of number resources; and whether the NANC, after two years, should continue as a federal advisory committee. Additionally, we intend to seek on a continuing basis advice from the North American Numbering Council on steps the Commission can take to foster efficient and impartial number administration.

II. BACKGROUND

A. General

3. The North American Numbering Plan (NANP) is the basic numbering scheme that permits interoperable telecommunications service within the United States, Canada, Bermuda and most of the Caribbean.¹ The plan historically has been developed and administered by the wireline telephone industry, but increasing competition from new entrants

¹ The NANP meets the telecommunications numbering needs of: Anguilla; Antigua and Barbuda; Commonwealth of the Bahamas; Barbados; Bermuda; British Virgin Islands; Canada; Cayman Islands; Dominican Republic; Grenada, Jamaica; Montserrat; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Trinidad and Tobago; Turks and Caicos and the United States (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

into the telecommunications market have made continuation of that form of administration untenable.

4. Adequate telephone numbers, available through a uniform numbering plan, are essential to provide consumers efficient access to new telecommunications services and technologies and to support continued growth of an economy increasingly dependent upon those services and technologies.² The NANP erects a framework for assigning the telephone numbers upon which those services depend and for permitting international calls between its member countries to be completed without the need to dial international access codes and international country codes. The advantages of widespread access to such a seamless network are considerable. These numbers are a public resource, and are not the property of the carriers.³ Access to numbering resources is critical to entities desiring to participate in the telecommunications industry. Numbers are the means by which businesses and consumers gain access to, and reap the benefits of, the public switched telephone network. These benefits cannot be fully realized, however, unless numbering resources of the NANP are administered in a fair and efficient manner that makes them available to all parties desiring to provide telecommunications services. To maximize these benefits requires continued international coordination of number administration among member countries of the NANP.

5. The NPRM examined what entities might perform the policy making, dispute resolution and applications processing functions associated with administering the NANP, but did not propose a specific organizational structure for overall administration of the NANP. Nonetheless, the NPRM drew tentative conclusions and sought comments about various aspects of an overall numbering administration structure. Taken together, however, the tentative conclusions suggest a structure under which the Commission would handle ultimate dispute resolution for U.S. numbering issues,⁴ while the NANP Administrator would handle functions "customarily performed by Bellcore" and administration of central office (CO) codes, a task currently performed by local exchange companies.⁵ The Commission tentatively concluded that the new NANP Administrator should be a single, non-government entity that is not closely identified with any particular industry segment.⁶ The Commission also found it

² Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 9 FCC Rcd 2068 (1994) (hereinafter NPRM) at para. 2.

³ See Radio Common Carrier Service, Appendix B Commission Policy Statement, 59 Rad. Reg. 2d (P&F) 1275, 1284 (1986).

⁴ NPRM at para. 25.

⁵ Id. at para. 29.

⁶ Id. at para. 18.